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SUBJ: INFORMAL MEETING ON COOPERATIVE RESEARCH ON  
FOOD PRODUCTION AND PRESERVATION, 29 JUNE

1. AG DIR DIRECTOR SIMANTOV, IN CHAIR, OPENED MEETING  
WITH A REVIEW OF PROGRESS TO DATE IN DEVELOPMENT OF  
PROJECT AND THEN FOCUSED ON THE NEW GERMAN PROPOSAL  
FOR THEIR PARTICIPATION. BUDGET AND TIMING OF PROJECT  
WERE ALSO DISCUSSED.
2. GERMANS ARE PREPARED TO MAKE INDIRECT CONTRIBUTIONS  
OF 60-70 THOUSAND DEUTSCHMARKS DURING FIRST YEAR  
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ALTHOUGH THEY ANTICIPATE SWITCHING TO DIRECT CON-  
TRIBUTION AFTER PARLIAMENTARY APPROVAL AS EARLY AS  
APRIL 79 AND NO LATER THAN JUNE 79. EXTENT OF FIRST  
YEAR DIRECT CONTRIBUTION AFTER SWITCH WILL BE DIFFER-  
ENCE BETWEEN OBLIGATION AND AMOUNT EXPENDED IN KIND TO  
DATE OF SWITCH. IN KIND CONTRIBUTIONS CAN BE USED IN  
ANY OF THE FOLLOWING WAYS:

A. FULL COSTS INCLUDING SALARY OF FOREIGN SCIENTISTS AT FRD INSTITUTES OR GERMAN UNIVERSITIES FOR UP TO 6 MONTHS.

B. TRAVEL COSTS PLUS 1,000 DM EXPENSES PER MONTH FOR FOREIGN SCIENTISTS AT FRD INSTITUTES OR GERMAN UNIVERSITIES FOR SHORT-TERM VISITS OF LESS THAN 6 MOS.

C. FULL COSTS OF SENDING GERMAN SCIENTISTS TO PARTICIPATE IN ACTIVITIES IN OTHER OECD MEMBER COUNTRIES.

D. COVER COSTS OF MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MEETINGS INCLUDING TRAVEL IN MEMBER COUNTRIES UNDER UMBRELLA OF A CONTRACT WITH A GERMAN INSTITUTION.

MEMBER COUNTRIES AGREED TO GERMAN PARTICIPATION IN THIS WAY BUT US, UK, CANADA, NETHERLANDS CAUTIONED THAT THIS DEROGATION SHOULD NOT SET PRECEDENCE FOR FUTURE PARTICIPATION BY MEMBER COUNTRIES. OTHER GERMAN CONDITIONS OF A MAXIMUM TOTAL CONTRIBUTION OF 300 THOUSAND DM AND A 3-YEAR TIME LIMIT ON PROJECT AS REPORTED EARLIER STILL HOLD.

3. COUNTRIES NOT PARTICIPATING IN FIRST YEAR OF PROJECT ARE AUSTRIA, AUSTRALIA, DENMARK, NORWAY, ITALY, IRELAND, PORTUGAL, JAPAN, AND GREECE. SEVERAL OF THESE COUNTRIES EXPRESSED INTEREST IN JOINING PROJECT AFTER THE FIRST YEAR. UNCERTAIN AS TO FIRST YEAR PARTICIPATION BUT WITH UNCLASSIFIED

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NO DELEGATES AT THE MEETING WERE ICELAND AND YUGOSLAVIA. YUGOSLAVIA IS A PROBABLE PARTICIPANT. FRANCE AND

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NEW ZEALAND COULD NOT MAKE FIRM COMMITMENT AT MEETING  
BUT ARE PROBABLE PARTICIPANTS. SIMANTOV AND SEVERAL  
COUNTRY DELEGATES PUT HEAVY PRESSURE ON FRANCE FOR A  
FAVORABLE DECISION.

TO THE QUESTION, "WHAT WOULD BE YOUR RESPONSE IF A  
MAJOR COUNTRY DROPPED OUT?" MANY COUNTRIES INDICATED  
THEY WOULD NEED TO RECONSIDER THEIR PARTICIPATION.  
GERMANY, US, UK, NETHERLANDS INDICATED THAT THE BUDGET  
WOULD NEED TO BE RECONSIDERED AND THAT THEY WOULD BE  
CONCERNED WITH THE LOSS OF INTELLECTUAL RESOURCES.

4. THE FIRST YEAR BUDGET PROPOSED BY SIMANTOV BASED  
ON 1978 COSTS WAS 885 THOUSAND FRENCH FRANCS WITH A  
REDUCED COST OPTION ELIMINATING THE B-5 ADMINISTRATIVE  
POSITION FOR THE FIRST YEAR AT 760 THOUSAND FRENCH  
FRANCS. CANADA, UK, US, NETHERLANDS, SPAIN AND OTHERS  
FAVORED THE REDUCED COST OPTION AND THE 760 THOUSAND  
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FRENCH FRANC BUDGET WAS ACCEPTED. THIS BUDGET WILL BE  
INCREASED BY THE APPROPRIATE INFLATION FACTORS AS  
DETERMINED BY OECD TO BE RELEVANT FOR THE YEAR 1979.

5. DISCUSSION ON PROJECT TIMING RESULTED IN DECISION TO  
OFFICIALLY START FIRST YEAR OF PROJECT ON 1 JAN 1979.  
U.S. PROPOSAL TO ALLOCATE ONE DAY AT THE MEETING OF  
DIRECTORS OF AGRICULTURAL RESEARCH ON 9-11 OCT 78  
WAS ACCEPTED. THE FULL DAY OF 9 OCT WILL BE SET ASIDE  
TO DISCUSS THIS PROJECT. DELEGATIONS SHOULD COME PRE-  
PARED TO FORM THE MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AT THAT TIME.  
NAMES AND BIO-SKETCHES OF POTENTIAL CANDIDATES FOR THE  
MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE SHOULD BE IN HAND. SIMANTOV  
REQUESTED COUNTRIES TO THINK OF CANDIDATES FROM FULL  
OECD PARTICIPATING AREA, NOT JUST FROM OWN COUNTRY.  
TO RETAIN MOMENTUM BETWEEN OCTOBER AND OFFICIAL START  
OF PROJECT, MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE MAY WANT TO MEET DURING

THAT PERIOD TO PLAN PROJECT START. COSTS OF SUCH  
MEETING WOULD NEED TO BE BORNE BY INDIVIDUAL COUNTRIES.

6. SIMANTOV WILL SEND LETTER TO ALL COUNTRY GOVERN-  
MENTS ASKING FINAL PARTICIPATION DECISION RESPONSE WITH-  
IN ONE MONTH.  
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